

Children's Little Theatre At San Benito Organized

(Special to The Herald)
SAN BENITO, April 17.—Two months ago there was organized in this city a children's Little Theatre movement, by Mrs. Gretta Gould Welsh. This was modeled after the movement in New York and the Blackstone Theater in Chicago, where the children not only act the plays but learn to make the business end of the performances, change the sets, design and make the costumes and take care of every phase of the work.

In San Benito this group is divided into several classes which meet weekly to study voice and diction and dramatic things. Some fifty lively children compose this group and for the past two months have been preparing an evening of plays which will be presented in the very near future, when the little players themselves will manage back stage entirely and present plays in costumes designed by themselves. The business end will have two managers, Doyle Raney and George Lawton, who will be assisted by adults. The publicity and colored poster advertising will be under the advisement of Enloe Wells and her committee. This committee will design and make their own posters. Jesse Thompson with his associates will have charge of all back stage. The costume designing has been done by Wanda Powell and her com-

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Matter to Authorities
In Washington

The Valley may obtain the fruit frost service now in operation in Florida and California through John N. Garner, leader of the democratic party in the house.

Garner states in a letter to G. C. Richardson, manager of the chamber of commerce, that if the Valley will make an organized demand for the service, he will see that the matter is placed before proper authorities in Washington.

With the rapid increase in citrus and truck products grown in this section the work of the weather bureau is becoming more and more important and it is felt locally that the Valley is entitled to this new service.

Garner's letter follows: "The United States weather bureau maintains a service which is styled the fruit frost service, which I believe will be very beneficial to the fruit and vegetable growers of the Rio Grande Valley. It is my belief that if this service is installed down there it will greatly aid the citrus and vegetable growers in protecting their crops from damaging freezes. The service consists of sending an expert from the weather bureau to the Valley where he will remain during the danger period, and will cooperate with the growers in planning and preparing for effective frost protection work. He will inspect all orchard heaters that he is requested to inspect; test their efficiency and heating capacity; study the best methods of using their heaters, and advise with and instruct growers in using them in a way to get the best practical results. He will also test fuels, determine their value and effectiveness for their specific purpose. He will also keep close watch of threatened growers so as to give them warning in time to take proper measures to protect their orchards.

If the people want this service it will be necessary for them to indicate the fact. I suggest that you get in expression from the growers in the way of petitions, or resolutions adopted by farmers organizations, cooperative associations, and other agencies that represent the growers. In other words—get authoritative and definite expressions which will indicate to the secretary of agriculture an active demand and desire for this service. If these expressions are forwarded to me I will see that they are brought to the attention of the secretary of agriculture, and if he endorses it I believe I can secure this service for the Valley. It has already been installed in California and has met with great success and I feel that Texas should have the same protection and I am ready to go the limit to secure it for our people with their help and consideration.

I shall be glad to hear from you regarding the matter.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) JOHN N. GARNER.

**BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
NEAR ROMA BEGINS**

(Special to The Herald)

ROMA, April 17.—Actual construction has been started on the bridges on highway 12 between Roma and the Zapata county line and will be rushed to completion in time for the hard surfacing of the road before the fall rains. In Zapata county the finishing work is being done at the Tigre bridge this week by the first of the month the three spans will be ready for traffic. With the completion of the bridge Zapata county's highway will be among the best graded roads in southwest Texas with all dangerous arroyos safely bridged and a movement is now being launched to hard surface a part of the road in that county.

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**HARLINGEN STAG
PARTY PLANS MADE**

HARLINGEN, April 17.—One thousand dollars will be spent to make the Valley-wide stag party to be given in Harlingen on April 28 under the auspices of the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce a real entertaining affair, was the decision of the various committees handling the preparations for the stag party at a meeting held at the Reese-Wil-Mond hotel here Monday morning. Nearly all the members of the committee were present at the meeting.

**COME TO
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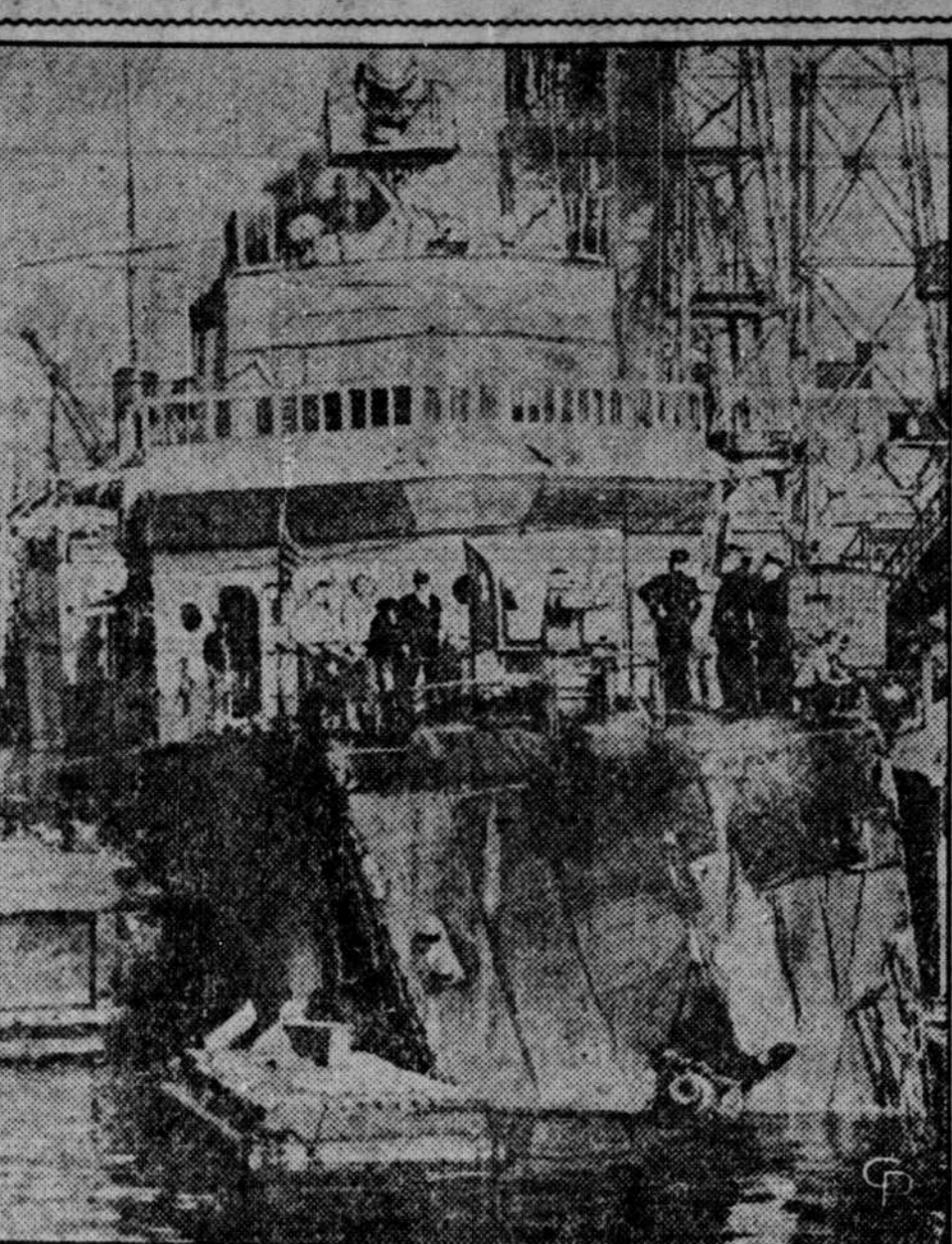
The greatly enlarged Fiesta Program has a place for you in its patriotic events and in the New Spring Carnival attractions in which nearly \$2,000 in cash prizes are offered for unique costumes, plays by strolling players, street dances, parade of kid-dies pets, Pioneer events, Cowboy costumes and stunts.

EVENTS

Monday night, Pioneer's Ball; Tuesday night, Fiesta Fete; Wednesday morning, Entry of King Antonio XI and Pilgrimage to the Alamo; Thursday, Trades Display Parade and Coronation of the Queen; Friday, Battle of Flowers Parade; Saturday, Open House and Bargain Day by all merchants of the city, also, Tournament of Roses; Dances, street players, bands, carnival attractions on streets and plazas for cash prizes, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, day and night.

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BATTERED DESTROYER IN PORT



View of wrecked front compartment of United States destroyer Children in port at Norfolk, Va., after the destroyer had crashed into the A. Ernest Mills, a schooner, off Carolina coast, sinking the ship with loss of three lives.

CANADIANS LAUD VALLEY

Life Insurance Head Says
Section Far Surpassed
His Expectations

(Special to The Herald)

SAN BENITO, April 17.—Canadian financiers were guests of the Central Power and Light company officials on a tour of inspection of the Valley Sunday and Monday, leaving here this evening for San Antonio.

L. R. Young, president and general manager of the Canada Mutual Life Insurance company of Toronto, Walter Sommerville, general manager of the Mutual Life Insurance company of Canada, at Waterloo, Canada; Jas. J. Faye, representative of Halsey-Stuart company of Toronto, were accompanied on the trip by R. H. Morse, assistant to the president of the Central and Southwest Utility company of Dallas; Z. V. Carson, head of the public relations department of the Central Power and Light company, San Antonio, and Harry J. Harris, traveling auditor, Central Power and Light company, San Antonio.

Mr. Young stated that "The Valley is surpassing my expectations. I have heard of this section and have many reports on it, owing to the fact that my company buys bonds secured by Valley properties, but I did not realize the extent of the development here as this is my first trip to Texas. We are jealous of your climate and many Canadians are making inquiries about this section, due to the favorable publicity your section receives in Canada," he said.

Mr. Sommerville stated that the millions of dollars worth of bonds which his company buys yearly, from the Central and Southwest Utility company, are better securities since he has been in this section, and he will be able to win even the most skeptical member of his board regarding the safety of these securities. Mr. Faye stated that all of these statements were merely his views and that he was already planning another trip to this section.

The party left the Valley for a trip through the Winter Garden section, and then on into San Antonio and back to Dallas.

**Now Feels Finest
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"Sargon was a God-send to me, and I bless the day I first bought it. I feel like a new man for the way it worked in my case was marvelous," said J. F. Porter, of Keller.

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TEXAS. Mr. Porter is seventy three years old and has been a deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church for fifty two years. He is also a Mason.

"I suffered day and night for the past three years, and had been told I had an ulcerated stomach. I thought I had cancer of the stomach, and had tried all sorts of treatments and spent sums of money trying to get well. My gall bladder gave me serious trouble and pain. A most severe pain would strike me about two or three o'clock in the morning and would continue for hours. My entire system was out of order. I was so constipated that I had to take some laxative almost every night.

"I put off buying Sargon for weeks because I know there were so many bogus medicines on the market, but read so many endorsements for it from good people in Fort Worth that I bought some, and it has worked wonderfully for me. I would not believe such results could be accomplished unless I had had the experience myself. Those terrible pains are gone and I sleep the whole night through. My stomach is right now and I eat what I please. I am strong and full of life and feel twenty years younger. My gall bladder doesn't bother me; my liver is active, and I am no longer constipated.

"I feel it is my duty to my fellow-man to tell how Sargon has benefited me."

Sargon may be obtained in Brownsville from Cisneros Drug Stores; in La Feria from Malone Pharmacy; in San Benito from Palace Pharmacy; in Los Fresnos from Butler Drug Co., and in Rio Hondo from Rio Hondo Drug Store.—Adv.

COWPEAS ARE RECOMMENDED

Would Furnish Necessary
Humus Lacking, County
Agent Says

Cowpeas as a remedy for the lack of humus in Valley soils is strongly recommended by Henry L. Alsmeyer, Cameron county agent, in the following article on the subject:

"The soils of Cameron county lack humus, which is very noticeable, causing the soil to pack hard after an irrigation or a heavy rain. Humus does not allow the soil to pack, but keeps it loose and easy to work, also increasing the water holding capacity of the soil.

"Cowpeas planted now, and then plowed under, not only furnish a good humus but increase the most expensive ingredient of a fertilizer, nitrogen. An average crop of cowpeas turned under, will add more than 110 pounds of nitrogen per acre, having an actual value of at least \$14.00 per acre.

"Last year J. J. Bishop of Brownsville planted cowpeas on a part of his land. This year he has planted his land to potatoes, and there is a noticeable increase in the vine growth and the size of the potatoes where cowpeas have been planted over the soil that has not received this benefit.

"Cowpeas also increase the yield

of crops, which has been definitely proven by figures given to the county agent, Henry L. Alsmeyer, by the various farmers of Cameron county. In 1927 Mr. C. S. Hatch of Rio Hondo planted cowpeas to improve his soil. Last year he and his son each planted the same amount of land to potatoes but Mr. Hatch, as a result of planting a legume, made \$700 more than his son.

"Mr. W. R. Macomb on the T. A. Johnston farm at Los Fresnos made \$29.88 per acre more from Irish potatoes produced on cowpea land than on land planted to corn last year.

"Cowpeas may be sowed either broadcast or in rows. Sowing seed broadcast requires more seed per acre. Cowpeas planted in rows require only one-half of the amount necessary for broadcasting."

**LOMAX NAMED HEAD
OF ADVISORY BOARD**

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SAN BENITO, April 17.—John T. Lomax was named chairman of the San Benito section of the San Benito-Harlingen joint advisory board at a meeting of the board of directors of the San Benito Chamber of Commerce held here Monday night. The other two members of the board are L. Zeno and J. M. Jones.

The purpose of the joint advisory board is to direct all questions of mutual interest to San Benito and Harlingen and to foment the co-operation spirit between the two cities. A San Benito-Harlingen get-together meeting is to take place Thursday under the direction of this board and through the sponsorship of the chambers of commerce of Harlingen and San Benito. Two hundred and twenty-five citizens from both towns are expected to attend the get-together meeting which will be held at the Reese-Wil-Monde hotel in Harlingen.

BOY GIANT

BELGRADE — Peter Grachenko, son of a Serbian peasant, is only 13 years old, but is 7 feet 3 inches tall and is still growing.

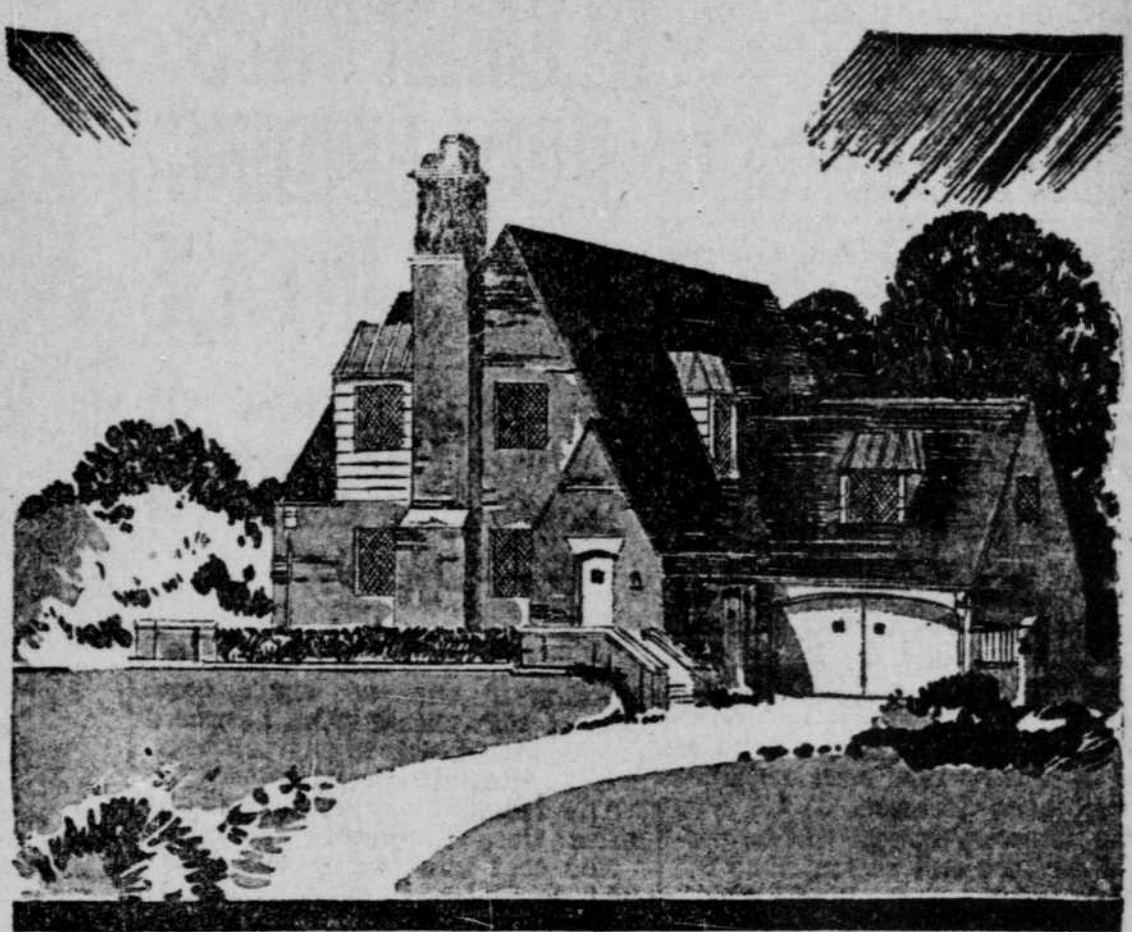
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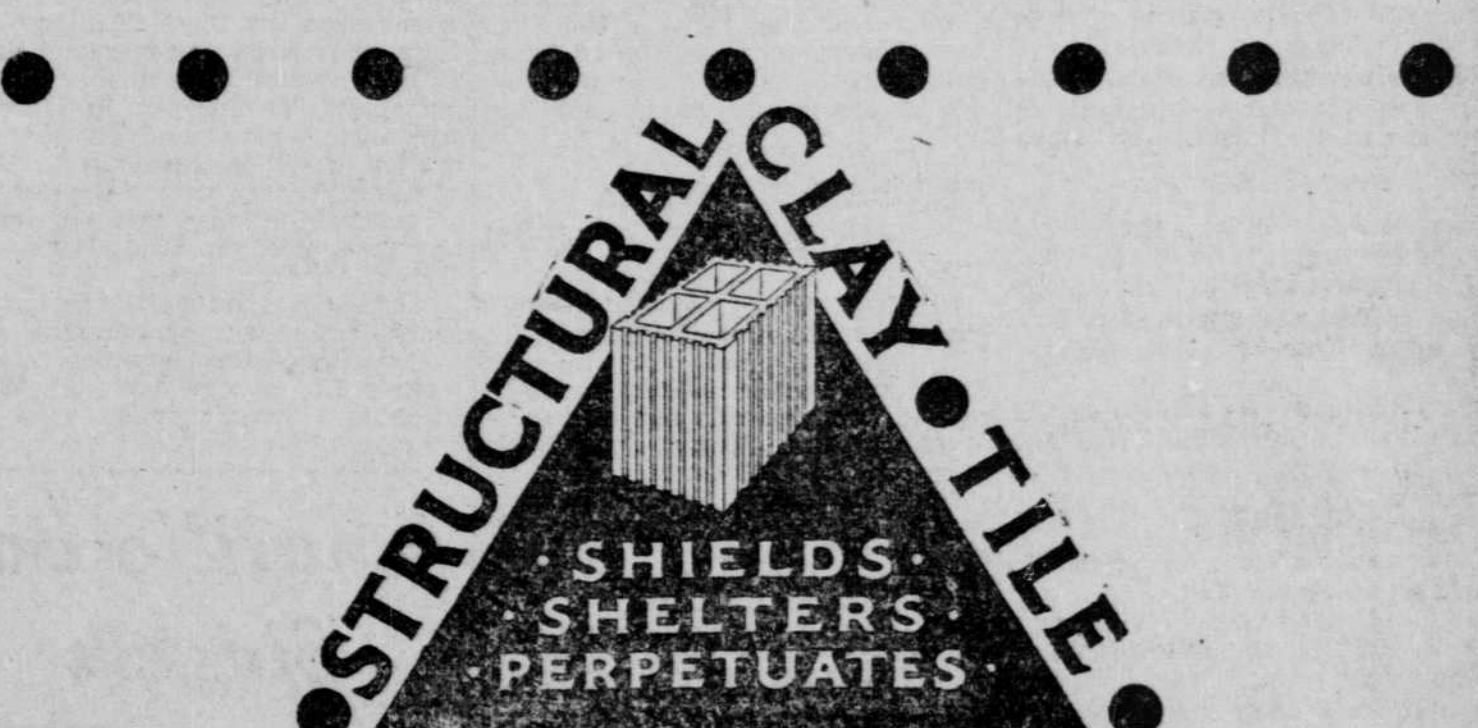
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